

SITUATION REPORT NO. 17
INCIDENT NO. 95-04
DATE: June 16, 1995 TIME: 11:00 am

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: 1995 Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on June 16, 1995 is 1435.43 feet msl. The lake reached a high of 1435.44 on June 12, 1995.

The cities of Hague in Emmons County and Glenburn in Renville County report problems with their sewage lagoons. Officials are looking into possible remedial actions.

The LaMoure County Emergency Board reported 92,200 acres or 19.3 percent of the county cropland will not be planted due to wet conditions.

The Lake Region Health District sanitarian states that 35-40 homes in Six Mile Bay, Eastview Estates, Mission Township, and Black Tiger Bay continue to have serious septic system problems.

The Ramsey County emergency manager estimates 130 miles of blacktop FAS roads in the county have suffered damages starting in 1993. The county estimated that it would take \$5,000,000.00 in emergency repair (ER) monies to make the required repairs.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED: No change from previous report.

LOCAL: No change from previous report.

STATE: No change from previous report.

FEDERAL: The US Army Corps of Engineers has relocated a pump from ND Department of Transportation to Fort Totten to assist in tribal pumping operations. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has detailed one person to Fort Totten on a temporary basis to work with tribal public health issues.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous report.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The project to draw off two feet of water from the slough that threatens Lawton began on Monday, June 12. The \$30,000.00 project should be completed by this weekend, allowing the water to make its way to the Edmore Coulee and eventually to the chain of lakes and finally to Devils Lake.

ND Department of Transportation has been asked to assist the BIA on the design and letting of contracts for road repair work. In having this contract arrangement, the repair work can get done months sooner.

The most current city disaster declarations received include: St. John, Mylo, and Dunseith (Rolette County), and Max (McLean County).

The city of Forman (Sargent County) is taking emergency measures to move water out of a mobile home park located within the city. There are 20 mobile homes affected by this standing water.

A contingent of more than 240 federal, state, and local officials participated in the first meeting of the Devils Lake Basin Interagency Task Force meeting on Friday, June 2. The Task Force established nine (9) planning teams to review and recommend solutions to water management problems in the basin and Devils Lake. Each team will include representatives from federal, state, and local agencies and organizations, who will work on defining basinwide water problems and identify ways to reduce the impacts of flooding in the area. Plans are for the Task Force to meet again on July 12 and 13 to review the team reports on developed strategies. A third meeting has been tentatively scheduled for August 15, 1995.

Training was held on Monday, June 12, for the federal/state inspectors, who will be dispatched to the declared counties to develop Damage Survey Reports (DSRs), which are basically repair plans for damage sites. The 14 inspection teams began their inspections on Tuesday, June 13, with the initial concentration in the 10 counties which were part of the first declaration.

Preliminary Damage Assessments are underway in Emmons, Renville, and Sargent counties to determine if a request to add them to the federal disaster declaration is warranted.

A meeting of federal, state, and local government officials was held Wednesday, June 14, at Fort Totten to review disaster assistance programs and procedures with tribal officials.

The federal/state Interagency Hazard Mitigation Task Force met at the Disaster Field Office (DFO) in Jamestown on Thursday, June 15. The purpose of the meeting was for the task force to come up with suggested hazard mitigation measures that the state and local governments could take to lessen or eliminate the devastating effects of the type of flooding the state is experiencing in 1995.

Richard Rominger, The Deputy U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, was in North Dakota this week to address the National Farm and Ranch Business Management Education Association. While in the state, he toured the flooded areas in the Devils Lake Basin.

At a meeting of federal, state, and local officials in Pingree, potential solutions regarding the water problem plaguing the city were discussed. The Office of Intergovernmental Assistance has authorized a planning grant through the Community Development Block Grant program to review the problem. Those alternatives will be presented to the citizens of Pingree at a public meeting sometime in July.

ND Department of Transportation officials will meet with local FHWA representatives on Monday, June 19, 1995, to work out the details on determining the amount of emergency repair monies to be allocated to the Devils Lake basin.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous report.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION:

Signed _____
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